Capacity of existing wagon manufacturers

2270. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the existing wagon manufacturers in the country and what is their respective capacity;

(b) what are the details of the orders placed by Government on each of the wagon manufacturers during the last three years, year-wise and how does it match with their capacity; and

(c) what is the period likely to be taken by them to complete the orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A statement indicating

(i) Licensed Capacity

(ii) Planned Off-take &

(iii) Actual Production

by various wagon building units in the last three years is attached. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 129]

(c) The slippage in manufacture of the wagon builders during the year is not carried forward but fresh allocations are made each year

Losses due to Underweighing of Export Shipments

2271. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of gross underweighing and wrong declarations of weight of export shipments at the Indira Gandhi International Airport causing substantial annual loss to the Exchequer have been detected recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the annual estimated loss suffered by Government as a result thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether any racket in such malpractices has been unearthed; if so, what action has bees taken|proposed to be taken by Government against the persons involved in the racket; and

(d) what measures have been taken by Government to streamline the system to check such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) On the basis of sample checks of export consignments done by IAAI during the year 1988 at IGI Airport, certain instances of underweghing involving a revenue loss of Rs. 5,876/- to IAAI have come to notice. Compared to the total Cargo-handling revenue of IAAI, the incidence of loss on this account is negligible.

(c) The shippers and Customs clearing Agents involved in detected cases have been identified and the airlines concerned have been advised to take necessary action. Penal charges were also levied on erring exporters.

(d) The arrangements for weighing of Cargo have been strengthened and penal charges have been introduced for weight variations beyond acceptable limits.

Imports of Centre Buffer Couplers and Draft Gears

2272 SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 120 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd February, 1989 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for preferring imports of High Tensile couplers and draft gears, ignoring the domestic capability; and

(b) what is the estimated cost of the imports, in foreign exchange involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) High Tensile couplers and draft gears are being imported in order to upgrade the